



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : **PATENT APPLICATION**  
R. Chidambaran, et al. : **METHOD FOR PREPARING**  
: **AN ION EXCHANGE MEDIA**  
Serial No.: 10/687,159 : **Group Art Unit: 1713**  
Filed: October 16, 2003 : **Examiner: Bernshteyn, Michael**  
Confirmation No: 6637

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AFTER OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned application on October 3, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response of January 3, 2006. This response is believed timely without the need for an extension of time. If an extension of time is necessary, please grant one and deduct the fee from deposit account number 02-4553, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

Entry of the amended claims and reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this Response.

The **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Response.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 14 of this Response.